

## STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) was established on March 9, 1967, in

response to flooding on Minnehaha Creek; and

WHEREAS: The MCWD manages the water resources in a 181 square-mile area, that covers part or all of 29

cities and townships from Minneapolis to Minnetrista, and spans Hennepin and Carver counties;

and

WHEREAS: The watershed includes one hundred twenty-nine lakes, eight major streams, thousands of

wetlands and some of the most highly used water resources in the State, including: Lake Minnetonka, the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes, Minnehaha Creek, and Minnehaha Falls; and

WHEREAS: With sound science as the foundation of its efforts, the MCWD is committed to protecting and

improving water quality, water quantity, and ecological integrity in thriving communities; and

WHEREAS: By integrating land use and water planning, the MCWD and its partners are able to achieve

 $natural\ resource,\ economic,\ and\ social\ benefits\ across\ the\ watershed;\ and$ 

WHEREAS: The MCWD is flexible and creative in its approach and aligns goals and resources with its

partners to bring the natural and built environments in balance; and

WHEREAS: The MCWD's pursuit of a balanced urban ecology in collaboration with public and private

partners is the foundation of its work to protect and improve land and water for current and future

generations

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 2, 2017, as:

## MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this  $20^{\rm th}$  day of October.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE